

# Grand Rapids Planning Commission

Minutes June 9, 2008

Present: Chairman Raymond Weber; members; Rod Dorski, Eugene Zager, Tom Arnold and Mike Speich, Town Zager moved, Arnold second, unanimously dispensed with reading and approved April 14, 2008 minutes.

**1. Express Recycling:** 2330 36<sup>th</sup> N, Land use Permit for former A & M Recycling. Speich expressed concern as to paper blowing around area, was reassured by present owner, Joe Kozicki, that after the closing of Domtar in Port Edwards the paper that is brought in will be in pallets of contained paper for the most part.

Speich moved, Zager second to accept the Land Use Permit and to refund the difference of the amount between the Conditional Use Permit and the Land Use Permit (\$60). Vote Unanimous

**2. Micheal and Sandra Nugent:** 931 Kuhn Ave. request a Land Use Permit to put up a 6' white vinyl fence just outside the 30' road ROW to block the traffic view from the Walmart drive. A large pine tree that is blocking the view on the property, in the road ROW will be cut down.

Zager moved, Arnold second to approve Land Use Permit for a 6' high white vinyl fence just outside the road ROW. Vote 4 yes one no (Mike Speich) Speich maintains that they already have a backyard and we do not want to set a precedent by allowing a fence in a setback area. Must obtain building permit for fence.

**7. Zoning Administrators Report:** Fuehrer has a complaint on electric fences in the town, has looked a file and has asked what takes precedent the State Statute or the decision of the Town Board. Commission has recommended that Fuehrer get permission from the Board to contact attorney.

Zager moved, Dorski recommend the Town Board to have Fuehrer contact towns' attorney to get an opinion on the electric fence wording of the State Statute. Vote Unanimous

Fuehrer also had relieved a call on a pie shaped lot that is up for sale, Owner would like to add onto the detached garage but no matter how he adds on he would be in the setback area on a "V" corner. Commission asked if it could cause a vision triangle problem. Fuehrer was directed to have the owner come in with the design and the exact measurements from roads.

## **8. Public Input:**

Speich would like to go on record stating his objection in allowing the McDonald pond enlargement. Speich maintains that this is a quarrying permit not a pond permit and he feels the environmental impact was not fully realized. Speich asked that Fehrman talk to the Board and express his concerns. Fuehrer told Commission that the permit that the town issues is for Quarry/Pond. Fuehrer was directed to follow the progress of McDonald.

Speich also expressed his concerned on the decision of the Town Board to change the wording on the Portable Storage Container Ordinance. In changing the wording to read the Permit did not have to be obtained for 15 days, Speich maintains that there is no way to monitor this. Discussion ensued at to how the monitoring should take place. The Commission feels that the Building Inspector should be notified by the Distributor.

Speich moved, Zager second to have the Town Board review their position on the 14 day variance on the Portable Storage Container Ordinance and consider revising it to read that the Building inspector must be notified by distributor upon deliverance into the town. Vote Unanimous

Speich, Dorski and Zager also had a concern about the May 13, 2008 decision in which the Town Board lifted the 15' screening requirement that Planning Commission had recommended for the pole building on a vacant lot at 6390 Griffith Ave.

Tentative meeting date---June 23,2008

Arnold moved, Zager second, adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

***Minutes by Planning Commission Secretary***

*Lorelei Fuehrer*